

REMARKS

With this Response, claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 16, 19, 25, 27 and 34 are amended. No claims are added. Claims 2-3, 7-15, 18, 20-24, 26 and 28-33 and 35-38 are cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 4-6, 16, 17, 19, 25, 27, 34 and 39-43 are pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant respectfully acknowledges claims 3, 18-19, 26-27, and 35 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of any intervening claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 16-17, 25, 34, 39 and 42-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,886,988 to Yun et al. (hereinafter “Yun”).

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the grounds of rejection as applied to claim 2, and further in view of International Patent Publication No. WO00/35129 to Freidlander, et al. (hereinafter “Friedlander”).

Claims 40 and 41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the grounds of rejection applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,122,260 to Liu et al. (hereinafter “Liu”).

Claim 1

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 3, deemed allowable, along with the subject matter of intervening claim 2. On this basis, Applicant submits the rejection of claim 1 is moot and claim 1 is allowable for at least the same reason as claim 3. Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled and claims 4 and 5 are amended to maintain proper antecedent basis.

Claims 7-15

Claims 7-15, previously withdrawn are cancelled without prejudice to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Claim 16

Claim 16 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 18, previously deemed allowable. On this basis, Applicant submits the rejection of claim 16 is moot and claim 16 is allowable for at least the same reason as claim 18. Claim 18 is cancelled and claim 19 is amended to maintain proper antecedent basis.

Claims 20-24

Claims 20-24, previously withdrawn are cancelled without prejudice to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Claim 25

Claim 25 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 26, previously deemed allowable. On this basis, Applicant submits the rejection of claim 25 is moot and claim 25 is allowable for at least the same reason as claim 26. Claim 26 is cancelled and claim 27 is amended to maintain proper antecedent basis.

Claims 28-33

Claims 28-33, previously withdrawn are cancelled without prejudice to place the present application in condition for allowance.

Claim 34

Claim 34 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 35, previously deemed allowable. On this basis, Applicant submits the rejection of claim 34 is moot and claim 34 is allowable for at least the same reason as claim 35. Claim 35 is cancelled.

Claims 36-38

Claims 36-38, previously withdrawn are cancelled without prejudice to place the present application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the above-identified application in view of the response.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the rejections of the claims have been overcome herein, placing all pending claims in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any deficiencies or overpayments in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 02-2666, and is requested to notify us of same.

Respectfully submitted,
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